

DARPA statement on eDNA and *The New York Times* story of November 22:

DARPA was intrigued by the difficult computing science research involved in creating network capabilities that would provide the same levels of responsibility and accountability in cyberspace as now exist in the physical world, and that would guarantee the same fundamental rights of freedom of speech and privacy in cyberspace as in the physical world. The concept is known as eDNA. DARPA awarded a small (\$60,000) study contract to SRI to investigate the issue. SRI convened a workshop that included experts in computer security, privacy and computer science to evaluate the technical feasibility of the concept. DARPA does not plan any future funding of the idea.

Dr. John Poindexter had absolutely nothing to do with the study.

DARPA's mission is to avoid technological surprise. As part of that mission, we are continually looking at new ideas. The fact that we sponsored a study does not mean that we advocate a particular technology or concept, nor that we intend to invest in it now or in the future.